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MEMORANDUM MINUTES OF THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.
19 APRIL 1960

The Commission met pursuant to notice, at 2:00 PM, with David E. Finley, Chairman, presiding.

Present were: David E. Finley, Chairman
William G. Perry
Felix W. de Weldon
Michael Rapuano
Ralph Walker
Douglas W. Orr

L.R. Wilson, Secretary
Susan E. Bennett, Admin. Asst.

I. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of Minutes of March Meeting

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as written.

2. Date of Next Meeting

The regularly scheduled dates for the next meeting were 17 and 18 May. However, it was suggested by the Chairman that the dates be changed to 16 and 17 May, in order that he might give a dinner for members and former members of the Commission of Fine Arts, to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Commission, which fell on the 17th of May. Mr. Perry said he could not be here; and Mr. Walker, architect member of the Commission, was not sure that he would be able to attend on the 16th and 17th. Final Action on the dates for the next meeting was deferred until 20 April.

3. Bureau of the Budget: Request for FY 1961 Budget Estimates and Status of Bills Lifting the Limit of Authorization of the Commission of Fine Arts

The Chairman informed the members that the House of Representatives had passed the House bill (H.R. 7923) which would set no limit on appropriations for the Commission of Fine Arts. The Senate had also passed a bill (S. 2778) setting a limit of authorization of $100,000. In the final debate on H.R. 7923, the number of the bill was changed to S. 2778, and it was returned to the Senate for concurrence. The Senate had not yet accepted the House action, but in any event, it appeared certain the limit of authorization would permit a larger

budget estimate. It was accordingly agreed that a budget request of $69,000 would be submitted for the next fiscal year, this being the same amount as was requested for the current fiscal year, and reduced to $42,300 by the Congress for exceeding the present $35,000 limit of authorization.

At this time it was also decided that it would not bedesirable to request a supplemental appropriation of $26,700 from the Congress for Fiscal Year 1961, so as not to delay for another year employment of assistants needed in administration of the Commission's work.

4. District of Columbia Government
Invitation to Ground Breaking Ceremoniesfor Theodore Roosevelt Bridge

It was noted that the Chairman and members of the Commission of Fine Arts had received invitations to attend the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Theodore Roosevelt Bridge at 3:30 pm on 19 April. Since this event was scheduled to coincide with the date and time of the Commission's meeting it was impossible for any of the members to attend.

II SUBMISSIONS

1. National Society of Interior Designers
White House - Refurnishing of Diplomatic Reception Room

The Chairman welcomed Mr.Michael Greer, President of the National Society of Interior Designers and Mr. Benjamin West, Chief Usher of the White House to confer with the members on plans to refurnish and redecorate the Diplomatic Reception Room in the White House.

Mr. Greer had brought with him a color sketch of the proposed rug design, samples of fabrics to be used for upholstery, and photographs of the furniture that was proposed for the room. He reported that there was much enthusiasm for the plans of the Society of Interior Designers, not only among the members themselves, but from others who wished to donate either furniture or money, providing that such donations were tax deductible. The most expensive gift thus far received, was a $10,000 chandelier. Mr. Greer further stated that it had been decided to use only 18th Century American pieces and no reproductions, with the exception of a pair of Duncan Phyfe benches made approximately 1810.

The border of the rug was in three parts. The outside part had 50 stars and the inside border carried the motifs from the seals of the 50 States. The colors were predominantly yellows and greens, chosen to give it the appearance of an antique Aubusson rug. The

texture was very closely woven; a cross between needlepoint and an Aubusson rug. The members considered the design to be a handsome one and approved it for design and color.

In the absence of a general plan it was difficult to judge the pieces of furniture which seemed individually handsome in the photographs shown by Mr. Greer. There was, however, some doubt raised as to the size and scale of the chandelier, as well as the necessity for it in a room with such a low ceiling.

Mr. Greer was requested to have sketch plans and elevations prepared for presentation to the Commission at their next meeting in May. It was also suggested that, at the May meeting, a visit be made to the White House by the members of the Commission, in order to view the design and the Diplomatic Reception room at first hand.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter for the Chairman's signature, to Mr. Greer, confirming the Commission's views on this matter, this letter being made a part of the permanent record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT 1

2. District of Columbia Government
Department of Sanitary Engineering
Sewage Pumping Station, East End of Theodore Roosevelt Bridge

The members considered revised drawings for the visible parts of the Sewage Pumping Station which the District of Columbia Department of Sanitary Engineering proposed to locate adjacent to the east end of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge between the east bound and west bound approach roads. Technical reasons required moving the structure fifty feet further eastward than had previously been shown, and apparently that much closer to the Inner Loop.

The members felt that it was impossible to give final approval to this project until the District of Columbia government submitted the final layout for the approach roads to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. Accordingly, no further action was taken.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter for the signature of the Chairman, to the Engineer Commissioner for the District of Columbia, advising him of the views of the Commission, this letter being made a part of the permanent record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT 2

3. National Cultural Center Board of Trustees
Design of Seal

The Secretary showed the sketch that had been submitted for an official seal for the use of the National Cultural Center Board

of Trustees. After studying the sketch, the members of the Commission considered thatit was inadequate, and recommended that the Board of Trustees enlist the services of the Heraldic Branch of the Quartermaster Corps, U.S.Army.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter for the signature of the Chairman, to Mr. L. Corrin Strong, Executive Vice Chairman of the National Cultural Center, informing him of the views of the Commission. EXHIBIT 3

4. General Services Administration
Public Buildings Service

a. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Proposed Building at 17th Street Between New York Avenue and F Street

The members viewed a quarter-scale model showing the development of a design for a headquarters for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at 17th Street between New York Avenue and F Street. They agreed that it did not appear that the advice given by the Commission at the March meeting regarding the placement of the building or the treatment of the design facing 17th Street, N.W. had been taken. A meeting was scheduled for the following day with representatives of General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and further discussion was withheld until that time.

b. Smithsonian Institution
Museum of History and Technology
Sculptors for Exterior Work and Painters for Interior Work

The Secretary brought to the attention of the members, lists of artists for a program of sculpture and painting that had been submitted by General Services Administration and the Smithsonian Institution. Approval by the Commission of Fine Arts of the artists and the placement of sculpture in five locations on the exterior of the building was requested. A plan was submitted showing these locations. Mr. Paul Manship, former sculptor member of the Commission of Fine Arts was supervising the entire project. The members considered that the material was not adequate and further action was withheld until the meeting on the following day when representatives of General Services Administration, Public Building Services and the Smithsonian Institution were scheduled to present the proposal.

c. Armory Group
Georgetown Post Office (Customs House) - Changes to Terrace

Mr. Macomber, representing the Board of Architectural

Consultants for Georgetown met with the members to discuss the plans, previously reviewed by the Georgetown Board, for alterations to the entrance to the Custom House under the terrace of the Georgetown Post Office. Under the auspices of the Armory Group, plans had been prepared showing how more headroom could be provided for the entrances into the building, by breaking into the terrace, and removing an existing stairway. The members of the Commission agreed with the Georgetown Panel that this action seemed unnecessarily drastic. They preferred maximum extension of the existing ramp, to a line of the sidewalk, which would provide adequate headroom and not change the terrace. Mr. Macomber stated that he would advise the Armory Group of the Commission's suggestions at the next meeting of the Board of Consultants.

Department of the Interior

5. National Park Service
National Capital Parks

a. Netherlands Carillon, Night Lighting

The Secretary reported that work on the Bell Tower and Carillon, gifts from the people of the Netherlands to the people of the United States had been completed; and thatit was to be dedicated on May 5. The National Park Service had presented for the Commission's approval, a scheme for lighting the tower proposed by the Phillips Company of Holland. The members felt that there was no objection to the proposed lighting but deferred approval until the meeting on the following day, when they were scheduled to discuss the matter with Mr. Haussmann of the National Park Service, National Capital Parks.

b. George Washington Memorial Parkway System, Bridges at Glen Echo, Carderock, Little Falls and Cabin John Gardens

The Secretary reported that these four bridges, two of which were identical in design , were to be part of the George Washington Parkway System on the Maryland side of the Potomac River above the District Line. The design for Little Falls, which was a single span, was approved. The members thought the three other designs should be restudied to make them single span bridges also. Further discussion was deferred because Mr. Haussmann, architect with National Capital Parks, was scheduled to discuss the projects with the Commission on the Following day and the members reserved their suggestions until that time.

6. American Battle Monuments Commission
Okinawa Memorial - Proposed Design

The members looked at designs by Alfred Poor for the proposed memorial on Okinawa. The memorial consisted of two wing-like, reinforced

concrete pylons rising from a square bastion with flattened sides, faced in natural travertine. The members expressed general approval of the design, although there was some question as to whether the monument could withstand the frequent typhoons that occur on Okinawa. They also felt that the ramp between the wings was unnecessary. Further discussion was scheduled for the meeting on the following day when Mr. Poor, the architect, and Colonel Walker of the American Battle Monuments Commission, were to be present.

III DISCUSSIONS

1. National Capital Planning Commission

Mr. Harland Bartholomew, Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission came to the meeting at the invitation of the Chairman to discuss the problems of current interest with the members of the Commission of Fine Arts, such as the penetration of parkland by highways, and the current practice of placing buildings without consulting the National Capital Planning Commission or Commission of Fine Arts, as exemplified in the placement of buildings for the Court of Claims, the National Grange, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

a. Approach Roads to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge

For Mr. Bartholomew's information, Mr. Rapuano related details of his meetings with representatives of the District of Columbia Department of Highways and Traffic regarding the west leg of the Inner Loop and the approach roads to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. As a result, a method was found to simplify and reduce the height of the interchanges between K Street and the Inner Loop. However, the only agreement he could reach for the Inner Loop south of this point was in regard to the deletion of one lane from a three-deck interchange at E Street, near the proposed Cultural Center. No conclusion could be reached on the idea of eliminating the interchanges and carrying Constitution Avenue directly into the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, without separating the Highways.

Mr. Bartholomew agreed that study of this idea might prove helpful. He stated that the National Capital Planning Commission had always been greatly concerned about the large proportion of traffic which would be thrown into E Street with the completion of the bridge. Mr. Bartholomew reminded the members that the National Capital Planning Commission had recommended originally that the crossing of the river above Memorial Bridge be within the vicinity of the Three Sisters Islands rather than

at its present location near the Theodore Roosevelt Island. Now the District of Columbia Government was planning a bridge at the Three Sisters in addition to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. To go into these matters further, Mr. Bartholomew suggested a meeting on the following morning between Mr. Rapuano of the Commission of Fine Arts, Mr. Barnett of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce and himself, to discuss the problem of the roadways in the vicinity of the bridge. (Note: The meeting was not held because Mr. Barnett was unable to attend.

b. Placement of Building Without the Knowledge of the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission

The members of the Commission of Fine Arts again expressed their regret that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation had been assisted by the General Services Administration in locating its headquarters building at New York Avenue and 17th Street, without consulting the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. In doing so, a site which seemed a natural one for the expansion of the Executive Offices of the President, became unavailable. Mr. Bartholomew stated that the National Capital Planning Commission had recently approved the location of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation without knowing, at the time, what the detailed plan for the building was to be. It was recalled that similar actions occured in the placement of the National Grange Building and more recently the Court of Claims on the East side of Lafayette Square. The members agreed that some way should be devised to keep all interested agencies aware of such plans before designs were completed, and that further attention should be given to coordinating this problem. In this connection, note was taken of the placement of the stadium at the end of East Capital Street, and the conflicting plans for the redevelopment of the East Mall.

Before leaving, Mr. Bartholomew stated his opinion that the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts should know more about what the other is doing and suggested that a member of the Commission of Fine Arts attend the meetings of the National Capital Planning Commission. The members thought such attendance would not be possible, but agreed that more conferences like the one just concluded would be very helpful.

3. District of Columbia Armory Board
Status of Project and Letter to District of Columbia Armory Board Regarding the Proposed District of Columbia Stadium

The members reviewed the status of the proposed District of Columbia Stadium which was to be built without their approval, on the east end of the Mall, near the Anacostia River. It was noted that bids were to be asked at once for this work.

3. Department of State

a. Furnishings for State Department Dining Room

The Chairman reported that Mr. Estes, Assistant Secretary of State for Administration was encountering difficulty in acquiring suitable furnishings for the Department of State Dining Room. He particularly requested assistance in locating some 18th Century draperies and bookcases. The members of the Commission were in sympathy with the problem, and said they would keep the problem in mind.

b. Sculpture in South Court and at South Entrance

The members reviewed the status of plans for the proposed sculptural groups, at the south entrance and in the south court of the new State Department Building, for which Congress had recently refused to appropriate funds. The design of the proposed sculptural groups at the entrance by Albert Stewart, consisted of large eagles with wings outspread protectively over seven smaller human figures. After looking at the sketches, the members agreed that the sculpture showed little promise for the prominent position it is to occupy and they felt this design should be discarded for use here. They were unanimous, however, in the hope that acceptable sculpture could be placed in this location at a future date.

Funds were also denied for the heroic figure by Marshall Fredericks which was to be located in a fountain in the south court of the State Department Building. Mr. de Weldon, the sculptor member of the Commission, had viewed the figure in the sculptor's studio after the March meeting of the Commission. He assured the members that the figure was well executed and would be handsome in this setting. The members of The Commission feltthat efforts should be continued to carry out this project.

c. Ceremonial Route for Reception of Distinguished Foreign Visitors

The Chairman informed the members that he had been called by the Office of Protocol regarding decorations for the new route into the city, for the reception of distinguished foreign visitors on their way from the airport to the White House. Instead of crossing Memorial Bridge and moving up Constitution Avenue, the new route crossed the Rochambeau Bridge, and followed 14th Street and New York Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue. The change in route had been made in the hope of attracting more spectators for the processions. The members did not take issue with the change of route, but it was noted that the new route passed the Great Plaza where it's use as a large parking lot has made it one of the most unsightly features of the city. This seemed to the members to provide added impetus to their efforts to restore the Great Plaza to its rightful role as a part, and it was

agreed to try to enlist the aid of the Office of Protocol. The Secretary said he would inspect the decorations for possible suggestions for the Commission to make.

4. General Services Administration
Letter from Administrator, General Services Administration, Regarding the Program for the Removal of Temporary Buildings

The Chairman reviewed a letter he had written to the Administrator, General Services Administration, Mr. Franklin Floete, inquiring about the status of the RemovalProgram and urging removal of all remaining temporary office buildings in the city of Washington. He also read Mr. Floete's reply, which stated that the program for removal of temporary buildings was still in effect and that the buildings would be removed as soon as construction of other buildings had been authorized and funded. The ultimate date for the realization had, however, been changed from 1962 to 1966. The members of the Commission agreed that they would continue to urge the removal of temporary buildings at every opportunity. EXHIBITS 4 and 5

5. Redevelopment Land Agency
Status of Development of the Southwest Mall

The Secretary reported as a matter of information, that the Redevelopment Land Agency was at a point of adopting plans for the Southwest Mall, which had been in preparation for over a year, by Mr. Willo von Moltke, an architectural consultant from Philadelphia. The Secretary had a set of the drawings, but the Commission had not been requested to give advice by the Redevelopment Land Agency.

6. Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Commission

There was some discussion of the eligibility of the members of the Commission of Fine Arts to enter the competition for the design of a memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt. Some of the architect members thought the Commission should be allowed to enter such an important competition if they so desired. The Chairman stated that he would write a letter to the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Francis Biddle, informing him that some of the members, or their office staffs, might wish to enter the competition, and requesting his views. The draft of such a letter will be considered at the May meeting, inasmuch as the members have seen the preliminary program there may be some conflict of interest involved.

7. Department of the Interior, National Park Service
National Capital Parks

The Chairman showed the members a recent newspaper clipping, which stated that the General Services Administration had employed an

architect to design a headquarters building for National Capital Parks, on the site of the temporary work shops immeidately south of Independence Avenue and west of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The members were disturbed, because it had been understood that this land would be left open to become part of the setting of the Washington Monument, when these temporary buildings were removed. It was agreed that the Chairman would write aletter to Honorable Conrad Wirth, Director, National Park Service, inquiring whether consideration had been given to other sites, in order that this important park land might remain open. EXHIBIT 6

IV Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Licenses and Inspections
a. Building Applications Submitted Under the Shipstead-Luce Act Since 15 March 1960

The Secretary reported the actions taken, after recommendations of the Shipstead-Luce Panel of Architects, on the Shipstead-Luce Building Applications forwarded for review by the District of Columbia Department of Licenses and Inspections since 15 March 1960. This report was dated 19 April 1960 and comprises Appendix 1 of the Order of Business. After discussions, the action as noted on Appendix 1 was confirmed by the members, and action was taken on the following cases which had been held for their review:

S.L. 2267	801 Market Space, N.W. Goozh Gifts Remodel Store Front
S.L. 2268	230 C Street, N.W., Speedy's Car Wash New Sign
S.L. 2269	2500 Calvert Street, N.W., Shoreham Hotel Five traffic control signs on public space

EXHIBIT 7

b. Building Applications Submitted Under the Old Georgetown Act Since 15 March 1960

The Secretary reported the actions taken on the Old Georgetown Act Applications forwarded for review by the D.C. Department of Licenses and Inspections since 15 March 1960. This report was dated 19 April 1960 and comprised Appendix 2 of the Order of Business. After discussions, action as noted in Appendix 2 was taken by the members on the following cases which had been held for their review:

O.G. 2552	1500 - 27th Street, N.W., Kew Gardens, Inc. New Sign
O.G. 2555	3029 M Street, N.W. Remodel front and interior alterations

EXHIBIT 8

c. ,Georgetown Inn, Proposed Hotel on Wisconsin Avenue

Mr. Macomber presented the revised drawings for the proposed Georgetown Inn Hotel on Wisconsin Avenue. The members of the Commission felt that the previous suggestions of the Commission had been successfully carried out and voted unanimously to approve the revised designs.

At 6:10 PM the meeting adjourned to reconvene the next morning at 9:30 o'clock.

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

Meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts
April 20, 1960
9:30 A.M.
ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

9:30 AM 2. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE

a. Federal Deposit Insurance Building, 17th Street between New York Avenue and F Street (Mr. Snyder, GSA; Mr. Chatelain, Mr. Gauger, Mr. Vickrey, architects)

b. Smithsonian Institution, Museum of History and Technology
Sculptors for Exterior Work and Painters for Interior Work (Mr. Snyder, GSA; Mr. Keddy, Dr. Carmichael, Smithsonian Institution; Mr. Walker Cain from McKim, Mead and White)

10:30 AM 3. AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Okinawa Memorial, Design for (Colonel Walker, ABMC; Mr. Alfred Poor, architect)

11:15 AM 4. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS

a. Lighting for Netherlands Carillon (Mr. Hausemann, NCP)

B. George Washington Memorial Parkway System, Three Bridges (Glen Echo, Carder Rock, Little Falls) (Mr. Hausemann, NCP)

12:00 5. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

Preliminary Shipstead-Luce Submission: S.L. 2260 - 12 story office building with three cellar parking garage at 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (Mr. Green, D.C. Dept of Licenses and Inspections; Mr. Koubek, architect)

12:30 PM RECESS

12:45 PM 6. FREER GALLERY OF ART

Inspection of Proposed Acquisitions

ADJOURN

NCPC - LAND ACQUISITION

27 April 1960

Dear Mr. Greer:

At their meeting on April 19, the members of the Commission of Fine Arts were glad to confer with you on further developments in the project of the National Society of Interior Designers to refurnish the Diplomatic Reception Room on the ground floor of The White House.

The design of the rug, which was shown in sketch form was approved for design and color. In the absence of a general plan it was difficult to judge the pieces of furniture, which seemed to be individually handsome in the photographs which you showed us. There was also some doubt registered as to the size and scale of the chandelier, as well as its necessity in a room with such a low ceiling. Sketch plans and elevations would seem to be necessary to make definite decisions. Perhaps you can have such drawings prepared for the next meeting, or show us the maquette which I understand you have prepared. The members of the Commission might then go with you and view the room with the maquette and photographs. We shall be glad for you to meet us here at two o'clock on May 17th, if that is convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Mr. Michael Greer
President
National Society of Interior Designers, Inc.
50 East 57th Street
New York, New York

EXHIBIT 1

27 April 1960

Dear General Welling:

At their meeting on April 19, the members of the Commission of Fine Arts considered the revised drawings for the visible parts of the sewage pumping station which the Department of Sanitary Engineering proposed to locate adjacent to the east end of Theodore Roosevelt Bridge between eastbound and westbound approach roads.

The members decided that they could take no action on this project until the general layout for all the approach roads had been submitted.

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts will be held on May 18, and time will be reserved for you to present these plans, if you will advise us.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Brigadier General A.C.Welling
Engineer Commissioner for the
District of Columbia
District Building
Washington 4, D. C.

EXHIBIT 2

David M. Turley
Chairman

26 April 1960

Dear Mr. Strong:

At the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts which was held on April 19, I showed the members the letter which we had received from Mr. Humphreys and also the sketch design of an official seal which had been submitted for use of the Cultural Center's Board of Trustees, subject to the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

After studying the sketch of the proposed seal, the members of the Commission felt that it was not adequate and recommended that you enlist the services of the Heraldic Branch of the Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army. I would suggest that you communicate with Lt. Colonel James S. Cooke, jr., Chief, Heraldic Branch, Department of Defense, 2nd and T Streets, S.W. Washington 25, D. C. This agency has had great experience in such matters and I am sure would be glad to assist the Cultural Center in securing a suitable design for the seal.

We would be glad to see the revised design and to be of any service that we can.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Mr. L. Corrin Strong
Executive Vice Chairman
National Cultural Center
718 Jackson Place
Washington 6, D. C.

EXHIBIT 3

recommended thatthe temporary war buildings (including dormitories) be removed from park areas in the District of Columbia, in accordance with the agreement with the Secretary of the Interior that they be removed one year after peace is declared also that the temporary Navy and Munitions Buildings of World War I be removed, as desired by President Roosevelt.

EXHIBIT 4

The program, as adopted in 1956 by the General Services Administration, was in line with the Commission's position as regards the removal of temporary buildings from the Mall and park lands of the District of Columbia. The Commission hopes that there has been no change in attitude on the part of the General Services Administration or the Bureau of the Budget, as regards these plans, whose realization the Commission considers of the greatest importance for the city of Washington. The Commission feels all the more strongly about this matter, because in other world capitals, such as Paris and London, steps have been taken to remove temporary buildings and restore the pre-war appearance of these cities. At this time, so long after the end ofthe two World Wars, the prolongation of the life of any temporary building on the Mall would seem to be a matter ofer concern not only of the Federal Government but of the people of this Country.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Franklin G. Floete
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D.C.

APR 4 1960

Honorable David E. Finley
Chairman
The Commission of Fine Arts
Interior Department Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Finley:

We have read with interest the views expressed in your letter of March 17 concerning the proposed renovation of the first floor in the fourth wing of the Munitions Building on Constitution Avenue and the relationship of the project to GSA plans for the construction of Federal Buildings in the Washington metropolitan area.

The principal objective of the construction program announced in 1956, as revised in August 1959 (see enclosed brochure), is to provide replacement facilities for the housing of approximately 63,000 of the approximately 180,000 employees in the area now located in temporary or obsolete buildings. Temporary buildings comprising in the aggregate approximately 750,000 sq. ft. of space have been demolished since the close of World War II. New buildings are being constructed on some of the sites involved. When the construction of other buildings which have been planned has been authorized and funded, additional temporary buildings will be replaced. However, until this occurs, we must continue to maintain buildings required for occupancy by Federal agencies in condition suitable for this purpose.

Based on current and foreseeable progress toward our objective, it is highly improbable that the Munitions Building can be removed for at least five years. The alteration project to which you refer is necessary to provide for the relocation of Federal activities now carried on in temporary buildings located on the site to be utilized for the construction of the recently authorized Stadium and adjoining parking facilities. The proposed expenditures will be limited to those considered essential to accomplish this purpose.

Sincerely yours

EXHIBIT 5

EXHIBIT 6

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD--LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 3/15/60

APR 11 1960

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2261	913 Pa. Ave., NW The Timekeepers, Jewelers	Alterations & repairs to exist. store front. Two 4'-5" wide show windows to extend 3' beyond building line.	Returned; for ascertaining possibility of applicant's willingness to revise design, withdrawing new projecting show windows behind bldg. line. Present project violates design standard regarding projecting show windows, & cannot be approved as drawn, 3/28/60
2263	2125 E St., NW Peoples Drug Store	1 s-f, 24½ sq-ft illuminated sign. Green ltrs. indirect white light.	Approved, 3/23/60
2264	2317 Calvert St., NW Old Budapest Restaurant	1 s-f, 20 sq-ft sign. Metal ltrs., neon tube inside; no exposed light; black & white.	Returned. Request line drawing showing exact shape & size of ltrs. Prefer use of all upper case ltrs. & suggest omission of notched effect on upper corners of sign box, & consideration of dropping the word RESTAURANT from text, or reducing it in importance, 3/24/60

Exhibit 7

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 3/15/60 — 4/19/60

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2262	300-17th St., NW D.A.R. Hq. Bldg.	1 s-f, 10 sq-ft sign. Cast bronze ltrs. mounted into stone, flat against bldg.	Ret'd. If the officers of the D.A.R. firmly desire to attach to their hq. bldg. a sign like the one indicated in this application, the CFA will not object, although it considers that such a sign will detract from the symmetrical architecture. The D.A.R. bldg. is so well known, it would not seem to need such a marker on the bldg. Consideration of a well-designed & free-standing name board in front of the bldg. is recom'd., 3/29/60
2265	50 Mass. Ave., NE Auto Parks, Inc.	2 s-f signs, free-standing on pedestal; white bckgd., black & red ltring; non illuminated.	No objection. The design of ltring. & stanchion is not of a character which the CFA could approve; but no objection will be made, as signs are small & are already in place, 4/13/60
2266	2317 Calvert St., NW Old Budapest Restau.	1 s-f, 25 sq-ft sign. White sign box; back-lighted metal ltrs., painted black.	App'd. provided sign box is fixed flat against wall & centered under 2nd-story window, below belt course. Width of sign box should not exceed 8", & outer surface rounded to wall at ends, 4/13/60
2267	801 Market Sp., NW Goozh Gifts	Remodel store front. 46'-wide & 25'-wide showwindows to ext. 3' beyond bldg. line.	Disap'd; recom. design be restudied, keeping new showwindows behind building line, retaining exist. cornice, & extending tops of showwindows to the underside of cornice, 4/19/60
2268	230 C St., NW Speedy's Car Wash	1 d-f sign, 60 sq-ft each face. Erected on free-standing pole; red neon ltrs; green neon border.	Disap'd; exposed neon signs in red & green not recom'd. in Shipstead-Luce area. Exist. authorized sign on bldg. reading CAR WASH PARK, deemed adequate. (NOTE: Unauthorized sign on posts, by telephone booth was to be removed when sign on bldg. was erected.), 4/19/60

APPENDIX 1

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 3/15/60 (Continued) 4/19/60

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2269	2500 Calvert St., NW Shoreham Hotel	5 traffic control signs on pipe columns on public space; 2 t.c.s. on p.c. on private property, s-f, 6½ sq-ft each; aluminum & plexiglas, black ltrs, illuminated from within.	App'd. as tempo. directional signs, provided signs are located close to property line; request resubmission of text of signs, showing more uniform spacing of letters than that indicated on drawing, 4/19/60
2270	619 Pa. Ave., NW Blue Bell Systems, Inc.	2nd story addn. in rear; & air conditioning unit on roof.	App'd. provided detailed drawing is submitted showing suitable screening of roof structures, 4/13/60
2271	101 Indep. Ave., SE Drug Fair	2 s-f, 24-3/4 sq-ft each signs; 1 on Indep. Ave. & 1 on 1st St. Back-lighted metal ltrs., flat against wall.	App'd. as revised on drawings dtd. 3/28/60, 4/13/60

Exhibit 7

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 3/15/60 4/19/60

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2547	3018 Q St., NW Hogentogler	Install 2 carriage lamps, 1 on each side of front entrance.	Recom'd., 3/22/60
2548	1252-31st St. Paula Nixon	Install 1 light fixture over front entrance door.	Recom'd., 3/22/60
2549	3210 R St. Mr & Mrs W.D. Burden	Replace 2nd fl. rear double doors & balcony with triple windows.	Ret'd. for south elevation drawing showing exterior appearance of proposed work; also, photograph showing entire south facade, 3/22/60
2550	1411-34th St. Mr & Mrs D. Bruce	Rev. to OG 2524 to revise windows & add entr. 9' wide entr. steps to ext. 3' beyond bldg. line.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway. Suggest submission, at a later time, of entr. details. (NOTE: 2nd fl. plan shows casements in west wall, but elevation shows double hung windows.), 3/22/60
2551	1654-29th St. Mr & Mrs E. Woody	Replace exist. wood porch with brick stoop & steps.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 3/22/60
2552	1500-27th St. Kew Gardens, Inc.	1 V-type sign, 20 sq-ft each face. Translucent plastic with internal fluorescent lighting. White background & black letters.	Not recom'd. Recom. 2 horizontal signs with colonial style lettering, 1 on each business frontage, to be located below cornices in show window transoms. Combined total square footage on both facades not to exceed 25 sq-ft. (NOTE: Suggest sign text be changed to SPIRIT SHOP instead of work LIQUOR.), 4/19/60
2553	1327-33rd St. Rob't. B. Eichholz	Remove old porches, replace with new; construct garage; construct driveway; erect 7' brick fence.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 3/22/60

Exhibit B

APPENDIX 2

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 3/15/60 (Continued) 4/19/60

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2554	1611 Wisc. Ave., NW Reed Electric Co.	12' high brick addn. to exist. bldg., 6' wide; 28' long.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway; provided new wall is set back 4" from face of north bldg., & that wall is capped with brick soldier course & flashed no more than 1" over front surface. (NOTE: Failure to indicate earth bank between st. & new work is confusing, but applicant has stated his intentions to retain & eventually landscape this portion of property.), 3/29/60
2555	3029 M St. Fred Maroon	Remodel front & interior alterations.	Action not complete, 4/19/60
2556	1128-29th St. Mrs. R.L. Yonan	7' wood fence.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 3/29/60
2557	1238-34th St. Mrs. V. Traylor	Enclose exist. 1st floor porch.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway. (NOTE: Plat Book shows Lot number to be 818 instead of 84.), 3/29/60
2558	3329 Q St. Georgetown Constr. Co.	Remove portion of front porch, repairs to remaining uncovered front porch, siding, door, sash, inc. trim, install shutters. Extensions beyond bldg. line.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 3/29/60
2559	1645-31st St. Mrs A. Friendly	Install 2 carriage light fixtures on 2 exist. iron posts, flanking front entrance steps.	Recom'd., provided lights, as shown in photographs, be placed on wall of house, one on each side of door frame; if applicant desires to install lights on posts, recom. use of lights more adaptable for installation on posts, 4/5/60

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2560	1647-34th St., NW Mr & Mrs A. Kenney	Replace casement window with triple double-hung sash & new frame in exist. brick opening.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway as revised in drawing dated Revised April 11, 1960, 4/12/60
2561	1564 Wisc. Ave. Potomac Drugs	Replace exist. wood doors with aluminum doors.	No objection, in this instance, to replacement with aluminum frame doors as shown on drawing, 4/5/60
2562	1511 Wisc. Ave. Per of Georgetown	2-story addn. to rear of exist. structure.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, as revised in accordance with suggestions made regarding size of 1st fl. windows, chimney, and coping, 4/15/60
2563	3115 "O" St. Geo. E. Herman	Move entr. door. Install garage & garage door on ground level; driveway & curb cut. Remove iron steps & build brick steps at entr. Steps & porch extend beyond bldg. line.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, provided new opening for garage door is centered under center window above, 4/5/60
2564	1425-27th St. Robert Enzel	Install basement entr., new front door & trim, w. i. fence, & paint front tan.	Ret'd. for additional inf., showing type & design of basement window & door. In making revisions, exposed surface of concrete steps should be faced with brick & an additional upright be added between uprights shown on w. i. rail. (NOTE: Photograph shows casement window; drawing shows fixed sash window, which is right?), 4/15/60
2565	1564 Wisc. Ave. Potomac Drugs	Repaint exist. sign & change telephone no. Exist. sign is s-f, 45 sq-ft, with neon tubing & painted letters.	This is not a sign which the CFA could recom., but no objection will be interposed to repainting in colors indicated, or to changing telephone number, 4/12/60

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2566	1806 Wisc. Ave., NW Dorothy K. Ballas	1 canvas awning, green & white; suspended from bldg; folding type with metal frames	Recom'd. Suggest top of awning be attached to bldg. at top of brick arch above window, 4/12/60
2567	1506 Wisc. Ave. George. Travel Serv.	1 s-f, 16½ sq-ft sign to replace exist. Cast aluminum ltrs. mounted flat against wall.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 4/12/60
2568	2700 N St. Mr & Mrs T.M.Pelley	New garage door in exist. opening.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway; provided that glass panels at top of garage door be divided into 3 lights each, 4/12/60
2569	3304 R St. W. C. Foster	6½' cedar sapling fence.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 4/12/60
2570	3267 P St. Mr & Mrs N. de Rochefort	Enclose exist. 2-story side porch.	Not recom'd. Suggest design be restudied, especially the types & sizes of openings, so that finished wall is more in character with standards of Public Law 808, 81st Congress, 4/12/60
2571	3157 M St. Riggs Nat'l. Bank	Alterations, interior & exterior	Ret'd. in order not to delay proceeding with work except exterior treatment of entr. from parking lot on north face of bldg., which is only part of interest to the CFA. Arch. will restudy & submit new entr. treatment that will more fully conform with P. L. 808, 81st Cong., in accordance with verbal suggestions made to him, 4/15/60
2572	3289 M St. Stohlman Chevrolet	13'-6" max. concrete ret. wall; 3'-6" chain link fence.	Recom'd. for parts visible from p. h; provided concrete ret. wall is faced with brick, & sapling fence, or other type wood fence, is used instead of chain-link fence, 4/12/60